

**TOWN COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. Present were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Hubert, and Councilmembers Crowley, Paul, and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Kovanes, Town Attorney Kiar, and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

Mr. Kovanes explained that the nature of the meeting was to provide Council an update on the Town's emergency operations during Hurricane Katrina and to seek direction on the debris pickup to be performed by Ash-Britt Environmental, Inc., the Town's storm debris removal contractor.

Fire Chief Don DiPetrillo provided an update on the storm's path and where the largest amount of damage, within the Town, occurred. He gave a brief summary of the number and types of emergency calls received by emergency personnel. Chief DiPetrillo discussed the damage sustained at the mobile home communities and indicated that 25-30 mobile homes were destroyed.

Councilmember Crowley had not observed any Florida Power & Light trucks on the roads. Councilmember Paul and Vice-Mayor Hubert stated that they had. Mr. Kovanes advised that he had spoken with Ben Wesley and was assured that the Town would be addressed by FP&L promptly.

Chief DiPetrillo advised that there was minimal Town-owned property damage. He indicated that the Florida Department of Community Affairs would utilize the Rodeo Arena as a distribution point for water and ice.

Director of Human Resource Management Mark Alan provided an update on the Town's efforts regarding sheltering and transportation.

Vice-Mayor Hubert inquired about the apartment building that had sustained roof damage and asked if the Red Cross would assist the displaced residents. Mr. Alan indicated that he had spoken to the Red Cross and they assured him that these residents would be assisted. Chief DiPetrillo offered that the Red Cross was assisting residents in need in the Park City neighborhood as well.

Mr. Kovanes gave three different cost prospects depending upon the debris caused by Hurricane Katrina and asked Council for direction on when Ash-Britt Environmental, the Town's hauler, should begin debris related pickup. Vice-Mayor Hubert asked if Waste Management was going to pickup storm related debris. Assistant Town Administrator Ken Cohen indicated in the negative as hurricane cleanup was not part of Waste Management's contract.

Mayor Truex asked what the timeframe was for reimbursement. Town Clerk Muniz indicated that the reimbursement could take months and spoke about the 72 hour window for maximum reimbursement. He advised that the Town could determine the 72 hour window for debris removal and emergency protective measures.

Capital Projects and Public Works Director Bruce Bernard spoke of the plan to remove debris and advised that he would like to give residents ample time to get their storm related debris to the right-of-way so that his crews could make one pass beginning September 6, 2005. Additional passes, as needed, would be performed by Ash-Britt Environmental, Inc.

Mr. Kovanes indicated that residents would be informed via the website, the public information line, and the media about debris removal. Council unanimously agreed with Mr. Kovanes and Mr. Bernard's plan for debris removal.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk

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